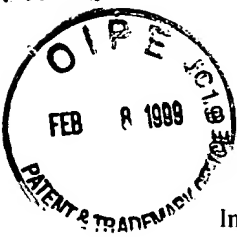


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Kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Line 10: Delete the words "porous metal or metalloid oxide particle".

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 2, line 33: Delete "0," after the expression "r=".

Page 3, line 10: Delete the word "covalently".

Page 3, line 14: Delete the word "of" between the words "oxidation" and "state".

Page 9, line 37: Insert the words --now U.S. Patent No. 5,643,847, and-- before the word "published".

Page 10, line 15: Insert the words --now U.S. Patent No. 5,712,352,-- before the word "and".

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